

(c) The information is being collected from the field units and will be placed on the table of the House.

(d) Telephone connections provided during 1996-97 and target fixed for 1997-98 are as per the Statement II enclosed.

Statement - I

Sl. No.	Name of Districts	Waiting List as on 31.7.97
1.	Sonepat	5,477
2.	Jind	2,086
3.	Rewari	3,379
4.	Mohindergharh	1,642
5.	Ambala	5,106
6.	Yamunanagar	4,131
7.	Panchkula	1,844
8.	Karnal	9,271
9.	Panipat	7,954
10.	Kaithal	4,074
11.	Kurukshetra	7,156
12.	Rohtak	3,119
13.	Bhiwani	3,902
14.	Faridabad	17,110
15.	Gurgaon	13,163
16.	Hissar	6,010
17.	Sirsa	4,807

Statement - II

Sl. No.	Name of Districts	Telephone Provided Connections During 1996-97	Target for Telephone Connections for 1997-98
1	2	3	4
1.	Sonepat	4,310	4,700
2.	Jind	1,788	1,900
3.	Rewari	411	1,500
4.	Mohindergharh	201	1,000
5.	Ambala	7,100	5,000
6.	Yamunanagar	4,050	3,000
7.	Panchkula	185	1,900
8.	Karnal	3,247	4,500

1	2	3	4
9.	Panipat	3,808	4,500
10.	Kaithal	1,600	3,300
11.	Kurukshetra	3,845	4,000
12.	Rohtak	4,594	4,000
13.	Bhiwani	3,913	2,800
14.	Faridabad	5,359	13,000
15.	Gurgaon	7,589	6,000
16.	Hissar	4,618	7,000
17.	Sirsa	4,182	4,900

[English]

Transit Facilities

3752. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of various irregularities being practiced and rampant corruption prevalent in Retiring Rooms, Guest Houses for transit facilities for the tourists at various locations;

(b) if so, the steps taken for upgrading these facilities and operating them efficiently;

(c) whether the Government are considering upward revision of rates for Railways accommodation for passengers/tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) A few complaints have been received about Retiring Rooms, Guest Houses are not available on Railways.

(b) The functioning of Retiring Rooms at stations are closely monitored. The facilities available in Retiring Rooms are improved from time to time by ensuring proper maintenance, replacement of old furniture by new ones in phased manner, supply of clean and good quality of linen etc.

(c) and (d) The charges of Retiring Rooms are revised periodically.

Acute Power Shortage in Kerala

3753. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :
SHRI K.V. SURENDRA NATH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Kerala is facing acute power shortage and solely depending upon hydro electric projects;